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INTRODUCTION

MR. PRESIDENT, MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, EXCELLENCIES, AND
MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

WE MEET AT AN IMPORTANT TIME IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON WHICH OUR COUNTRIES RELY.

HERE IN LONDON LAST WEEK THE LEADERS OF SEVEN NATIONS AND OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES PLEDGED TO JOIN OTHERS IN STRENGTHENING THESE INSTITUTIONS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. I THINK I CAN SAY WITH COMPLETE ACCURACY THAT CONFIDENCE AMONG ALL OUR NATIONS HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BECAUSE OF THIS LAST WEEK'S DELIBERATIONS.

TODAY AND TOMORROW THIS COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS HOW TO ADAPT THE ALLIANCE TO MEET THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL CHALLENGES OF THE 1980'S. TAKEN TOGETHER, THESE MEETINGS SHOULD GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO RELATIONS AMONG OUR OWN INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES.

AT THE CENTER OF THIS EFFORT MUST BE STRONG TIES BETWEEN EUROPE ON THE ONE HAND AND NORTH AMERICA ON THE OTHER. IN MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING THESE TIES, MY ADMINISTRATION WILL BE GUIDED BY CERTAIN PRINCIPLES. SIMPLY STATED:

-- FIRST OF ALL WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THE ALLIANCE THE HEART OF OUR OWN FOREIGN POLICY.

-- SECONDLY WE WILL REMAIN A RELIABLE AND FAITHFUL ALLY.

-- THIRD, WE WILL JOIN WITH YOU IN EVERY WAY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRENGTHEN THE ALLIANCE -- POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY AND MILITARILY.

-- WE WILL ALSO ASK FOR AND LISTEN TO THE ADVICE OF OUR ALLIES. AND WE WILL GIVE OUR VIEWS IN RETURN, CANDIDLY AND ALSO AS FRIENDS.

THIS EFFORT RESTS ON A STRONG FOUNDATION. THE STATE OF THIS ALLIANCE IS GOOD. ITS STRATEGY, ITS DOCTRINE ARE SOLID. WE DERIVE ADDED STRENGTH AND NEW PRIDE FROM THE FACT THAT ALL FIFTEEN OF OUR MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE NOW DEMOCRACIES. OUR ALLIANCE IS A PACT FOR PEACE -- AND A PACT FOR FREEDOM.

THE ALLIANCE IS EVEN STRONGER BECAUSE OF SOLID PROGRESS TOWARD WESTERN EUROPEAN UNIFICATION AND THE EXPANDING ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN WORLD AFFAIRS. THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES THIS DEVELOPMENT, AND WE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

POLITICAL

IN THE AFTERMATH OF WORLD WAR II, THE POLITICAL IMPERATIVES WERE CLEAR: TO BUILD THE STRENGTH OF THE WEST AND TO DETER SOVIET AGGRESSION. SINCE THEN EAST-WEST RELATIONS HAVE BECOME FAR MORE COMPLEX. MANAGING THEM

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CORRECTION TO PARA 3)

REQUIRES INCREASING DEGREES OF PATIENCE AND SKILL.

OUR OWN APPROACH TO EAST-WEST RELATIONS MUST BE GUIDED
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BOTH BY A HUMANE VISION AND ALSO BY A SENSE OF HISTORY.
OUR NUMANE VISION LEADS US TO SEEK BROAD COOPERATION WITH
THE COMMUNIST STATES FOR THE GOOD OF ALL MANKIND. BUT
OUR SENSE OF HISTORY TEACHES US THAT WE AND THE SOVIET
UNION WILL CONTINUE TO COMPETE. YET IF WE MANAGE THIS
DUAL RELATIONSHIP PROPERLY, WE CAN HOPE THAT COOPERATION
WILL EVENTUALLY OVERSHADOW COMPETITION, LEADING TO AN
INCREASINGLY STABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES
AND THE SOVIET UNION.

THE UNITED STATES IS NOW DISCUSSING ON A FULL-TIME
BASIS WITH THE SOVIET UNION WAYS TO CONTROL STRATEGIC
NUCLEAR ARMS. BY INVOLVING THE SOVIET UNION IN A CON-
TINUING EFFORT TO REDUCE AND EVENTUALLY TO ELIMINATE
NUCLEAR WEAPONS WE HOPE NOT ONLY TO MINIMIZE THE RISKS
AND COSTS OF CONTINUING ARMS COMPETITION BUT ALSO TO
PROMOTE BROADER COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.
THE SOVIET UNION HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSALS.
BUT THEY HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT THEY WANT AN AGREEMENT.
WE WILL PERSEVERE IN SEEKING AN EARLY AND A GENUINE END
TO THE ARMS RACE, THROUGH BOTH A FREEZE ON MODERNIZATION
OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS AND A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION AT AN
EARLY DATE IN THEIR NUMBERS. AND AS WE PURSUE THIS GOAL,
WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH YOU FULLY -- NOT ONLY
TO KEEP YOU INFORMED BUT ALSO TO SEEK YOUR ADVICE AND
COUNSEL.

I HOPE THAT OUR COUNTRIES CAN ALSO REACH AGREEMENT WITH
THE SOVIET UNION IN LIMITING AND REDUCING CONVENTIONAL
FORCES. THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS
OF THE ALLIANCE TO GAIN AN ACCORD ON MUTUAL AND
BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THAT
AGREEMENT SHOULD BE BASED ON PARITY IN FORCE LEVELS
THROUGH OVERALL CEILINGS FOR THE FORCES OF NATO AND ALSO
FOR THE WARSAW PACT. THE SOVIET UNION, BY CONTRAST,
SEEKS TO PRESERVE THE PRESENT CONVENTIONAL IMBALANCE
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AND TO IMPOSE NATIONAL FORCE CEILINGS ON OUR NATIONS.
I HOPE THAT THESE OBSTACLES CAN BE OVERCOME. MBFR MUST

BE A MEANS FOR ACHIEVING MUTUAL SECURITY. BUT NOT FOR
GAINING ONE-SIDED MILITARY ADVANTAGE.

AS WE PURSUE ARMS CONTROL WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE
WARSAW PACT, WE SHOULD ALSO TRY TO DRAW THE NATIONS OF
EASTERN EUROPE INTO COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKINGS WITH US.
OUR AIM IS NOT TO TURN EASTERN EUROPE AGAINST THE
SOVIET UNION. BUT TO ENLARGE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO WORK TOGETHER IN MEETING THE
CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY.

NEXT MONTH DELEGATES OF 35 COUNTRIES WILL CONFER IN
BELGRADE TO PLAN FOR A MEETING TO REVIEW PROGRESS SINCE
THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED. THE UNITED STATES
SHARES WITH YOU A DESIRE TO MAKE THIS A USEFUL AND
ALSO CONSTRUCTIVE MEETING. WE SUPPORT A CAREFUL REVIEW
OF PROGRESS BY ALL COUNTRIES IN IMPLEMENTING ALL PARTS
OF THE FINAL ACT. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN
HUMAN RIGHTS. I HOPE WE CAN MAKE PROGRESS IN THIS
FIELD TO EXEMPLIFY THE COMMITMENT OF YOUR DEMOCRATIC
NATIONS TOWARD THESE RIGHTS. WE APPROACH THESE MEETINGS
IN BELGRADE IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. NOT OF CON-
FRONTATION.

AMERICA'S CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DOES NOT REFLECT A
DESIRE TO IMPOSE OUR PARTICULAR POLITICAL OR SOCIAL
ARRANGEMENTS ON ANY OTHER COUNTRY. IT IS, RATHER, AN
EXPRESSION OF THE MOST DEEPLY FELT VALUES OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW WHERE WE
STAND. (WE ENTERTAIN NO ILLUSION THAT THE CONCERNS WE
EXPRESS AND THE ACTIONS WE TAKE WILL BRING RAPID
CHANGES IN THE POLICIES OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS. BUT
NEITHER DO WE BELIEVE THAT WORLD OPINION IS WITHOUT
EFFECT.) WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPRESS OUR BELIEFS --
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NOT ONLY BECAUSE WE WANT TO REMAIN TRUE TO OURSELVES,
BUT ALSO BECAUSE WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE BUILDING OF
A BETTER WORLD RESTS ON EACH NATION'S CLEAR EXPRESSION
WITHOUT FEAR OR TIMIDITY OF THE VALUES THAT HAVE GIVEN
MEANING TO ITS NATIONAL LIFE.

IN ALL THESE TASKS AND OTHERS FACING THE ALLIANCE, IT

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THROUGH CLOSE CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE
NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL. WE DO NOT NEED NEW INSTITUTIONS,
ONLY TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THE ONE THAT HAS SERVED US SO
WELL. TO THIS END I PLEDGE THAT THE UNITED STATES
WILL SHARE WITH THE COUNCIL OUR VIEWS AND OUR IN-
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TENTIONS ABOUT THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES AFFECTING THE
ALLIANCE; ALTHOUGH OUR OWN COUNTRY ON OCCASION MIGHT
TAKE THE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

THE COUNCIL SHOULD ALSO EXAMINE LONG-RANGE PROBLEMS, SO AS TO MAKE THIS CONSULTATION EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE. A SPECIAL ALLIANCE REVIEW OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS, UNDERTAKEN BY THE COUNCIL AND DRAWING IN NATIONAL EXPERTS, WOULD SERVE THIS END. SUCH A REVIEW MIGHT ASSESS FUTURE TRENDS IN THE SOVIET UNION, IN EASTERN EUROPE AND IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS, AND ANALYZE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE TRENDS FOR THE ALLIANCE. THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS STUDY, WHOSE CONCLUSIONS COULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE MAY 197 NATO MEETING.

DEFENSE

I WANT TO SAY A WORD ABOUT DEFENSE. ACHIEVING OUR POLITICAL GOALS DEPENDS UPON A CREDIBLE DEFENSE AND DETERRENT. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE EXISTING STRATEGY OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE AND FORWARD DEFENSE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OUR SHARE OF THE POWERFUL FORCES ADEQUATE TO FULFILL THIS STRATEGY. WE WILL MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE STRATEGIC DETERRENT, WE WILL KEEP DIVERSE AND MODERN THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES IN EUROPE, AND WE WILL MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE CONVENTIONAL FORCES BASED HERE. OUR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET THAT I SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS PROVIDES FOR GREATLY STRENGTHENED COMMITMENTS ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES TO OUR CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN EUROPE.

THE THREAT FACING THE ALLIANCE HAS GROWN STEADILY IN RECENT YEARS. THE SOVIET UNION HAS ACHIEVED ESSENTIAL STRATEGIC NUCLEAR EQUIVALENCE. ITS THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED, AS YOU KNOW. THE WARSAW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PACT'S CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN EUROPE EMPHASIZE AN OFFENSIVE POSTURE. THESE FORCES ARE MUCH STRONGER THAN NEEDED FOR ANY DEFENSE PURPOSE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PACT FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE ARE WELL OVER ONE MILLION MEN. SINCE 1965, NEW GROUND AND AIR WEAPONS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED BY THE WARSAW PACT IN MOST MAJOR CATEGORIES: SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY, MOBILE TACTICAL MISSILES, MOBILE AIR DEFENSE GUNS, ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, TACTICAL AIRCRAFT, AND TANKS. THE PACE OF THE WARSAW PACT'S BUILDUP CONTINUES UNDIMINISHED.

LET ME MAKE IT CLEAR THAT OUR FIRST PREFERENCE IS FOR EARLY AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS. BUT FAILING TO REACH THIS AGREEMENT, OUR MILITARY STRENGTH MUST BE MAINTAINED.

THE COLLECTIVE DETERRENT STRENGTH OF OUR ALLIANCE IS EFFECTIVE. BUT IT WILL ONLY REMAIN SO IF WE CONTINUE TO WORK TO IMPROVE IT. THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO THIS END -- AS VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TOLD YOU IN HIS VISIT IN JANUARY -- IN THE EXPECTATION THAT OUR OWN ALLIES HERE WILL DO THE SAME.

THERE HAVE BEEN REAL INCREASES IN ALLIED DEFENSE SPENDING. BUT DIFFICULT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, I KNOW, SET PRACTICAL LIMITS. WE NEED TO USE LIMITED RESOURCES WISELY, PARTICULARLY IN STRENGTHENING CONVENTIONAL FORCES. TO THIS END:

-- WE MUST COMBINE, COORDINATE, AND CONCERT OUR NATIONAL PROGRAMS MUCH MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN WE HAVE IN THE PAST.

-- WE MUST FIND BETTER WAYS TO BRING NEW TECHNOLOGY INTO OUR ARMED FORCES.

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-- WE MUST GIVE HIGHER PRIORITY TO INCREASING THE READINESS OF THESE FORCES, A MATTER THAT CONCERNS ME VERY MUCH.

TO FULFILL THESE GOALS, I HOPE OUR DEFENSE MINISTERS, WHEN THEY MEET NEXT WEEK, WILL BEGIN DEVELOPING A LONG

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TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM THAT WE CAN ALL UNDERSTAND AND TO
WHICH WE CAN ALL COMMIT OURSELVES TO STRENGTHEN THE
ALLIANCE'S DETERRENCE AND DEFENSE IN THE 1980'S. THAT
PROGRAM SHOULD HELP US MAKE CHOICES PROPERLY AND TO SET
PRIORITIES THAT WE CAN SUPPORT AND CARRY OUT. IT
SHOULD EMPHASIZE GREATER ALLIANCE COOPERATION TO ENSURE
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THAT OUR COMBINED RESOURCES ARE USED MOST EFFECTIVELY.
IT SHOULD TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF WORK THAT HAS ALREADY
BEEN DONE SO WELL WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

BUT PLANS ARE NOT ENOUGH. WE MUST ENSURE THAT OUR
ALLIANCE HAS AN ADEQUATE MEANS FOR SETTING OVERALL GOALS
IN DEFENSE, FOR MEASURING NATIONAL PERFORMANCE AGAINST
THOSE GOALS, AND FOR DEVISING AND CARRYING OUT JOINT
PROGRAMS. I PROPOSE THAT OUR DEFENSE MINISTERS, WORKING
CLOSELY WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL, CONSIDER HOW BEST
TO STRENGTHEN THE ALLIANCE'S ABILITY ACTUALLY TO FULFILL
THESE AGREED ON PROGRAMS.

AFTER AN INTERIM REPORT TO THE DECEMBER 1977 MEETING, I
HOPE THE DEFENSE MINISTERS WILL SUBMIT THEIR PROGRAM TO
THE SORTING MEETING WHICH MIGHT BE HELD AT THE SUMMIT TO
REVIEW THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. I ALSO HOPE THE DEFENSE
MINISTERS WILL AGREE NEXT WEEK TO MAKE HIGH PRIORITY
IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CAPABILITIES OF OUR FORCE OVER THE

NEXT YEAR.

AS WE STRENGTHEN OUR FORCES, AND THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, WE SHOULD ALSO IMPROVE COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT OF ALLIANCE DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. THE ALLIANCE SHOULD NOT BE WEAKENED MILITARILY BY WASTE AND OVERLAPPING. NOR SHOULD IT BE WEAKENED POLITICALLY BY DISPUTES OVER WHERE TO BUY DEFENSE EQUIPMENT.

IN EACH OF OUR COUNTRIES, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FACTORS POSE SERIOUS OBSTACLES. NONE OF OUR COUNTRIES, AND I WOULD SAY ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES, HAS BEEN FREE FROM FAULT. WE MUST MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT -- TO ELIMINATE WASTE AND DUPLICATION BETWEEN NATIONAL PROGRAMS; TO PROVIDE EACH OF OUR COUNTRIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP, PRODUCE AND SELL COMPETITIVE DEFENSE EQUIPMENT; AND TO MAINTAIN TECHNOLOGICAL EXCELLENCE
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FORCES. TO REACH THESE GOALS OUR COUNTRIES WILL NEED TO DO THREE THINGS:

FIRST, THE UNITED STATES MUST BE WILLING TO PROMOTE A GENUINE TWO-WAY TRANS-ATLANTIC TRADE IN DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. MY ADMINISTRATION'S DECISIONS ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT WILL BE TAKEN WITH CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE INTERESTS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE. I HAVE INSTRUCTED MY OWN SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO SEEK INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES TO BUY EUROPEAN DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. GENERAL HAIG WILL COOPERATE IN THIS THOROUGHLY WHERE THIS WOULD MEAN MORE EFFICIENT USE OF ALLIED RESOURCES. I WILL WORK WITH THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO THIS END.

SECOND, I HOPE THE EUROPEAN ALLIES WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE COOPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES IN DEFENSE PRODUCTION. I WELCOME THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY SEVERAL OF YOUR COUNTRIES IN THE EUROPEAN PROGRAM GROUP. A COMMON EUROPEAN DEFENSE PRODUCTION EFFORT WOULD HELP TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIES OF SCALE BEYOND THE REACH OF NATIONAL PROGRAMS. A STRENGTHENED DEFENSE PRODUCTION BASE IN EUROPE WOULD ENLARGE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TWO-WAY TRANS-ATLANTIC TRAFFIC IN DEFENSE EQUIPMENT, WHILE ADDING TO THE OVERALL CAPABILITIES OF THE ALLIANCE.

THIRD, I HOPE THAT EUROPEAN AND THE NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WILL JOIN IN EXPLORING WAYS TO IMPROVE COOPERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. THIS JOINT EXAMINATION COULD INVOLVE THE EUROPEAN PROGRAM GROUP AS IT

GATHERS STRENGTH AND COHESION. WE HAVE ESTIMATES THAT WE COULD SAVE UP TO \$10 BILLION PER YEAR AT THE SAME LEVEL OF DEFENSE CAPABILITY IF WE CARRY OUT THESE IMPROVEMENTS WHICH I HAVE JUST OUTLINED. SOME ISSUES COULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL. WHAT-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVER THE FORUM, THE UNITED STATES IS READY TO PARTICIPATE IN A WAY AND AT THE PACE THAT OUR ALLIES AROUND THIS TABLE WISH. WE ARE EAGER TO JOIN WITH YOU IN TRYING TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF NEW EQUIPMENT AND FOR INCREASING LICENSING OR DIRECT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PRODUCED.

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TOGETHER, WE SHOULD LOOK FOR WAYS TO STANDARDIZE OUR
EQUIPMENT AND MAKE SURE IT CAN BE USED BY ALL ALLIED
FORCES. WE SHOULD SEE IF WAYS CAN BE FOUND TO INTRODUCE
INTO OUR DISCUSSIONS A VOICE THAT WOULD SPEAK FOR THE
COMMON INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE IN OFFERING ADVICE
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ABOUT COOPERATION IN DEFENSE EQUIPMENT.

CONCLUSION

IN CONCLUSION LET ME SAY: IT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR US TO
SHARE COMMON PURPOSES; WE MUST ALSO STRENGTHEN THE
INSTITUTIONS THAT FULFILL THESE PURPOSES. I HAVE HEARD
SOME LEADERS IN RECENT DAYS SAY THAT THIS ALLIANCE HAS
BECOME MIDDLE AGED. THAT CAN BE A TIME OF THE GREATEST
STRENGTH. AND I BELIEVE THAT ONLY IF WE RENEW OUR
RESOLVE CAN WE INSTITUTE IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF OUR
PEOPLE CONFIDENCE IN OUR DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES, CONFIDENCE
IN OURSELVES AS LEADERS, AND CONFIDENCE IN THIS ALLIANCE
TO MAINTAIN THE NECESSARY STRENGTH, SOMETIMES EVEN IF IT
REQUIRES SOME SACRIFICE ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO LOOK TO
US FOR LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE. WE ARE MET TODAY TO RE-
NEW OUR DEDICATION TO ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THOSE
INSTITUTIONS, AND TO PLAN FOR ACTIONS THAT WILL HELP IT
TO MEET NEW CHALLENGES. SOME OF THESE ACTIONS CAN BE
TAKEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. OTHERS CAN BE DEVELOPED FOR
REVIEW AT OUR MEETING NEXT YEAR AT THIS TIME. I WOULD
BE GLAD TO OFFER WASHINGTON AS THE SITE OF THAT MEETING
A YEAR FROM NOW.

THE FRENCH WRITER AND AVIATOR, SAINT-EXUPERY, WROTE THAT
"THE NOBLEST TASK OF MANKIND IS TO UNITE MANKIND." IN
THAT SPIRIT, I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL SUCCEED.

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